

The Committee, to which was referred, at the last meeting, a communication from Dr. Jahn, of Leipsic, entitled "De Calculo Eclipsium Besseliano Commentatio," made report thereon, recommending its publication in the Transactions of the Society: which publication was accordingly ordered.

Dr. Hays announced the decease of Dr. James Cowles Prichard, of Bristol, England, a member of this Society, who died 22d December, 1848, in the 62d year of his age.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Officers and Council were reported.

Pending nominations, Nos. 226, 227 and 228, were read.

Dr. Elwyn mentioned a small instrument recently constructed by Peter A. Browne, Esq., called a Trichometer, for the purpose of testing the strength of hair, wool, and other fibrous materials; which promises to be practically useful in investigations relating to subjects of this nature.

Stated Meeting, March 2.

Present, five members.

Dr. PATTERSON, President, in the Chair.

A letter was received and read:—

From George W. Greene, dated Providence, February 26, 1849, requesting permission to have copies taken of the "General Greene Correspondence," in the Library of the Society:

Whereupon, upon motion of Dr. Elwyn, it was agreed that Mr. Greene have permission to procure copies of said correspondence, provided the same be made under the superintendence and direction of the librarian.

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Western America, including California and Oregon; with Maps of those Regions, and of the Sacramento Valley, from actual surveys. By Charles Wilkes, U. S. N. Philadelphia, 1849. 8vo.
From the Author.

Report of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, for the year 1848. By Thomas S. Kirkbride, M.D. Physician to the Institution. Philadelphia, 1849. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Speech of Mr. J. A. Pearce, of Maryland, on the subject of the Coast Survey of the United States. Delivered in the Senate of the United States, on Saturday, Feb. 17, 1849. Washington, 1849. 8vo.—*From the Hon. J. A. Pearce.*

Pending nominations, Nos. 226, 227 and 228, were read.

Stated Meeting, March 16.

Dr. PATTERSON, President, in the Chair.

Present, seventeen members.

Prof. Agassiz, a member of this Society, was introduced, and took his seat.

A letter was received and read:—

From A. D. Bache, Superintendent U. S. Coast Survey, announcing the transmission to this Society of certain Maps, executed under the direction of the Survey.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Second Annual Report of the Regents of the University of the State of New York, on the Condition of the State Cabinet of Natural History; with Catalogues of the same: Made to the Senate, January 12, 1849. Albany. 8vo.—*From the Regents of the University of the State of New York.*

Three Maps of Delaware River and Bay, one of Nantucket Harbour, and one of the Harbours of Cawkins and Sheffield Islands. —*From the Superintendent of the U. S. Coast Survey, through the Hon. J. R. Ingersoll.*

Report of the Committee of Congress to whom was referred the Memorial of William T. G. Morton, asking Compensation from Congress for the Discovery of the Anæsthetic or Pain-subduing Property of Sulphuric Ether. Made to the House of Representatives, Feb. 23, 1849.—*From the Hon. M. C. D.*

The American Journal of Science and Arts. Conducted by Professors B. Silliman and B. Silliman, Jr. and James D. Dana. Second Series, No. 20, March, 1849. New Haven. 8vo.—*From the Editors.*

The African Repository and Colonial Journal. Vol. XXV. No. 3.